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OF MAY 16

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SUMMARY: DURING ITS MAY 16 MEETING, THE DEFENSE REVIEW
COMMITTEE (DRC) ACCEPTED, WITH MINOR CHANGES, US REVISIONS
(REFS B AND C) TO DRAFT DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE (REF A)
AND AGREED TO DROP THE PROPOSED ANNEX ON THE LONG-TERM
DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP). US CONTINUED TO BE ISOLATED ON
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LTDP FOLLOW-UP TEXT. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL
CIRCULATE A REVISED DRAFT OF THE COMMUNIQUE ON MAY 17.
WE PROVIDE BELOW SUBSTANTIVE TEXTUAL CHANGES AND
DISCUSSIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. ANNEX ON LTDP (REF D). COMMITTEE AGREED TO DELETE
THE PROPOSED ANNEX SUMMARIZING THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE

LTDP. ONLY BELGIAN (VAN DRIESSCHE -- A SWITCH FROM PREVIOUS BELGIUM POSITION), DUTCH (WYNAENDTS), UK (HAWTIN) AND SHAPE (SCHWEITZER) REPS FAVORED RETAINING THE ANNEX, ARGUING ALONG SIMILAR LINES TO PREVIOUS DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE (REF E). DUTCH REP ADDED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE SURPRISED AND WORRIED BY THE APPARENT US SHIFT IN FOCUS FROM THE DPC, WHERE ACTUAL PROGRAM DECISIONS WOULD BE REACHED, TO THE SUMMIT. HE AGAIN STRESSED THAT THE PRESS WOULD EXPECT MINISTERS TO EXPAND UPON THE RATHER SPARSE COMMUNIQUE AND, TO PROVIDE AGREED INFORMATION AND AVOID DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS, PROPOSED THAT THE COMMITTEE APPROVE THE TEXT OF THE LTDP ANNEX AS A DOCUMENT WHICH INDIVIDUAL MINISTERS COULD DRAW UPON AS APPROPRIATE. COMMENTING THAT SUCH "NON-PAPERS" HAD A TENDENCY TO LEAK TO THE PRESS, US REP, WITH STRONG SUPPORT FROM CHAIRMAN (ASYG MUMFORD) AND FRG REP (WELZ) EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE LTDP ANNEX WOULD NOT BE USED BY ALLIES AS AN "AGREED DOCUMENT," NOTING THAT IT MIGHT PREJUDGE SUMMIT DECISIONS OR ACTUALLY CONFLICT IN SOME CASES WITH DECISIONS REACHED LATER THIS MONTH. CHAIRMAN STATED THAT, OF COURSE, MINISTERS WERE FREE TO SAY WHAT THEY WISHED, BUT THAT IN VIEW OF THE STRONG OPPOSITION TO RELEASING THE LTDP ANNEX AT THE DPC MINISTERIAL THE DRC COULD NOT APPROVE ITS SELECTIVE USE AS AN AGREED DOCUMENT. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD ADVISE SYG LUNS TO URGE MINISTERS TO CONFINE THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREED PROGRAMS RATHER THAN REMAINING CONTENTIOUS ISSUES.

2. MAJOR REVISIONS TO DRAFT COMMUNIQUE (REF A).

. PARA 7. AT TURKISH REP'S (OZCERI) SUGGESTION, COMMITTEE AGREED TO AMEND THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA, DELETING THE PHRASE "WITH SATISFACTION" AND REVISING THE LAST CLAUSE TO READ "AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE SECURITY AND SOLIDARITY OF THE ALLIANCE OF A SPEEDY AND POSITIVE OUTCOME TO THESE INITIATIVES." TURKISH REP, UNDER FIRM INSTRUCTIONS, STATED THAT ANKARA HAD PROPOSED THESE CHANGES TO REFLECT RECENT CHANGES (I.E., SENATE COMMITTEE ACTION ON EMBARGO) AND INDICATE MORE CLEARLY THE ADVERSE EFFECT THE FAILURE TO REMOVE US RESTRICTIONS WOULD HAVE ON ALLIANCE COHESION. IN RESPONSE TO SHAPE REP'S COMMENT THAT SACEUR WOULD LIKE TEXT TO NOTE MINISTERS' "DISAPPOINTMENT" WITH US ACTIONS ON REMOVING RESTRICTIONS ON TURKEY, US REP STATED THAT, THOUGH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAD NOT SUPPORTED THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST, CONGRESSIONAL ACTION HAD NOT RUN ITS COURSE; COMMITTEE ACTION IN THE HOUSE HAD BEEN FAVORABLE AND WE HOPED THAT THE FULL

SENATE WOULD SUPPORT THE REPEAL OF THE RESTRICTIONS.

. PARA 9. DRC DELETED BRACKETED LAST SENTENCE OF
PARA AND REMOVED BRACKETS AROUND THE SECOND AND THIRD
SENTENCES, WHICH PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF LTDP ACTIONS.
COMMITTEE AGREED TO US REP'S SUGGESTIONS TO DELETE THE
DUPLICATIVE LISTING OF THE NINE PROGRAM AREAS IN THE
FIRST SENTENCE (SUBSTITUTING "SELECTED PRIORITY AREAS")
AND TO ADD A PHRASE REFERRING TO IMPROVEMENTS IN
EUROPEAN RESERVES AS A COMPLEMENT TO REINFORCEMENT

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MEASURES. IN RESPONSE TO TURKISH POSITION THAT COMMUNIQUE
SHOULD NOTE THE PHASED APPROVAL OF THE LTDP AT THE
SUMMIT AS WELL AS DPC LEVELS, THE LAST (UNBRACKETED)
SENTENCE WAS REVISED TO SUBSTITUTE "ENDORSEMENT" FOR
"SUPPORT" AND "SOUGHT" FOR "GIVEN."

. PARA 10. COMMITTEE AGREED TO INSERT US CLAUSE
(PARA 1A, REF B) FOLLOWING THE PHRASE "FOLLOW-THROUGH
ACTION" IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF THIS PARA, RATHER THAN
THE PRECEDING, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS THOUGHT SHOULD BE
REGISTERED MORE APPROPRIATELY THERE. THE US CONTINUED
TO BE ISOLATED ON PROPOSED TEXT ON FOLLOW-THROUGH

ARRANGEMENTS, BUT FOOTNOTE MARKING US POSITION WILL BE
RETAINED.

. PARA 14. WITH THE MINOR ADDITION OF THE PHRASE
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"NEW EFFORTS TOWARDS A GREATER" BEFORE "TRANSATLANTIC
DIALOGUE" IN THE SECOND SENTENCE, US PROPOSED TEXT
(PARA 10, REF B) WAS ADOPTED.

3. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL CIRCULATE A REVISED
DRAFT COMMUNIQUE ON MAY 17, WHICH THE DRC WILL CONSIDER
DURING THE NOON-BREAK OF THE MINISTERIAL ON MAY 18.
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